

U.S. Application No. 09/630,435 - Filed: August 1, 2000

**REMARKS**

1. Claims 1-3 and 8-12 were rejected as being obviated by Hayashi in view of Yamaguchi.

These claims have been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

2. Claims 4-7 were rejected as being obviated by Hayashi in view of Yamaguchi and Miller.

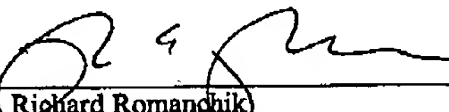
These claims have been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

3. It is respectfully submitted neither Hayashi, Yamaguchi or Miller, either singularly or in combination, disclose or suggest altering rasterized color separated contone gray level image data in accordance with an operators adjustments, or altering rasterized color separated contone gray level image data in accordance with an operators adjustments and subjecting the altered data to a halftone process to generate halftone rendered gray level data.

This Application is now believed to be in condition for favorable consideration and allowance.

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